GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:178
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APPROVAL TO DALLI RAJHARA RANGHAT BASTAR LINE
PUNNULAL MOHALE

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the joint proposal of Steel Authority of India and the State Government regarding Dalli-Rajhara-Ranghat-Bastar Rail Line has been rejected by the Ministry of Environment & Forests;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to accord approval to the project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a)to(c): The Ministry of Environment & Forests (MOEF) has not accorded approval to the Rail line as the MOEF feels that it would result in environment damage as it passes through the Bastar forest which is rich in flora and fauna. Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) has proposed to take up the matter again with the MOEF.